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In re Appln. of: M. Foley at al.

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Examiner: A. Lewis

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### SIXTH SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, it is respectfully requested that this sixth supplemental Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed below and on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. A copy of the document required by 37 C. F. R. § 1.98 (a)(2) is enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

The references now cited are:

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(g)(h), this Sixth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made and is not to be construed to be an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

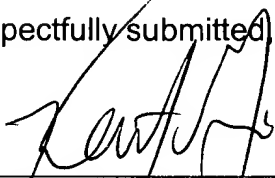
By submitting this Statement, Applicant is attempting to fully comply with the duty of candor and good faith mandated by 37 C.F.R. §1.56. As such, this Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any of the enclosed references, or other information referred to therein, constitutes "prior art" or is otherwise "material to patentability," as that phrase is defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a).

Applicant has also calculated a processing fee in the amount of \$180.00 to be due under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) in connection with the filing of this Statement. Applicant has enclosed a check covering this fee, or authorized charging the fee to a deposit account or credit card, as indicated in the Transmittal accompanying this Statement.

Applicant respectfully requests that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

7/22/2005  
Date

Respectfully submitted,

  
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